

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/931,391

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to The Amendment filed 06/20/05.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-11, 13, 15, 16 (renumbered as 1-14).

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant's representative Stephen Pang on 09/13/05.
3. Title, Specification, and Claims have been amended as follows:

Title:

Please replace the title of the application with the following title:

--User Interface Rendering Component Environment--

Specification:

Page 20, line 10:

Please replace "confiugration" with "configuration"

Claim 1:

Line 8: replace "an user" with "a user"

Line 9 : replace line 9 with the following line:

-- includes four corner areas, four border areas, and one background area;

and --

Line 12: replace line 12 with the following line:

-- class, a shared delegation object class; and a theme object class, --

Line 20 : replace "used" with "tiled"

delete "at least one"

Line 21 : replace "used" with "tiled"

delete "the"

Line 22: delete "the"

Claim 7:

Line 12: after "image", insert --,--

Line 14: replace line 14 with the following text:

-- class, a shared delegation object class; and a theme object class, --

Line 19: replace line 19 with the following text:

--render a plurality of areas of the user interface component, the plurality of areas includes four corner areas, four border areas, and one background area,

wherein a first image is tiled to render the background area,

a second image is tiled to render at least one border area, and

a third image is used to render at least one corner area,--

Claim 12: canceled

Claim 13: delete "at least one"

Claim 14: canceled

Claim 17: canceled

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-11, 13, and 15-16 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Examiner has carefully considered the independent claims 1 and 7.

Claims 1 and 7, as amended, show the distinctions over teaching of Evans et al. Although Evans et al teach steps for using theme function and theme manager for rendering graphical components, Evans et al do not teach limitations "the programming environment also comprises a decoration object class, a shared delegation object class, and a theme object class, wherein instances of the shared delegation object class comprise objects configured to receive user input, and objects configured to refer to instances of decoration objects for rendering, wherein the instances of decoration objects comprise objects configured to render the plurality of areas, wherein instances of theme objects are configured to create the instances of decoration objects" in specific combination recited in claim 1 and "the programming environment also comprises a decoration object class, a shared delegation object class, and a theme object class, wherein instances of the shared delegation object class comprise objects configured to receive user interface component extension query, and objects configured to refer to instances of decoration objects for rendering, wherein the instances of decoration objects comprise objects configured to render a plurality of areas of the user interface component, wherein instances of theme objects are configured to create the instances of decoration objects" in specific combination recited in claim 7.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kieu D. Vu. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4057.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached at 571-272-4048.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

571-273-8300

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